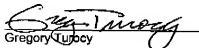


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Dear Sir:

Favorable reconsideration of the above-identified patent application is respectfully requested in view of the amendments and comments below. Since January 17, 2005, is a Federal Holiday, this paper is timely filed, within 2 months from the mailing date of the Final Office Action, on January 18, 2005.